Report of the CIVA Championship Organiser of the Year Trophy 2015

New in 2015 following a proposal from the UK on behalf of the British Aerobatic Association, this CIVA trophy is awarded each year to the championship organiser that achieves the best result from an online survey of all competitors and CIVA officials to determine how well the organiser has managed to stage the event.

Eligible people – that is: all pilots and Team members who have paid to enter the championship, plus the Judges, the Assistants and the Jury – have been able to use personal logins to a dedicated page on the CIVA News website for each CIVA World or European Championship and vote on the quality of the event in the following nine categories:

- Pre and post event communication, and website
- Entry fees and overall “value for money”
- Accommodation and transport
- Quality and availability of on-site food
- Contest briefing and information facilities
- Flight line administration and airfield management
- Team tents and on-site comfort
- Staff helpfulness and problem solving
- Excellence of the opening and closing ceremonies

In each category the quality of the event was assessed by voters selecting one of five 'grades':

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<td>- An exceptionally high standard, very well done</td>
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<td>- A very low standard, definitely not good enough</td>
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Voting for all three 2015 events closed shortly after the final one – the World Aerobatic Championship at Chateauroux in France – and the ‘grades’ have subsequently been totalised on a percentage basis as shown below.

Overall the voting was very close, the World Aerobatic Glider Championships (WGAC and WAGAC) at Zbraslavice in the Czech Republic being the 2015 winner by just over two percent from runners-up the European Advanced Championship at Deva, Romania. The World Aerobatic Championship at Chateauroux-Deols in France finished in third place, though in reality all the results were grouped very closely together.
Notable items of excellence during the year have been the superb standard of food at WAC in France, the outstanding helpfulness of the staff at EAAC in Romania, and the amazing crowds at the hugely successful opening and closing ceremonies - again in France.

Now that we are able to openly monitor the effectiveness of these aspects of the championship organising teams work each year, both during and after each event, we hope that each team will more easily be able to identify those areas that could benefit from a little more direct effort.

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